

I can't believe what is happening in US America. What on earth was I doing when I served 4 years in the US military thinking that it was an obligation of protecting the Bill of Rights and fairness for all. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just prior to the election is a clear example of the dangers and public disservice of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves, (my airwaves as well) free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. I am part of the public and such one-sided candidate advocacy does not serve "democracy." When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.